

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11 and 14 are amended.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,835,595B1 to Suzuki et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest a plurality of electrically connecting portions including a first electrically connecting portion electrically connected to the first electrode and a second electrically connecting portion electrically connected to the second electrode, and a surface area of the first electrically connecting portion being larger than a surface area of the second electrically connecting portion, as claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 11 and 14.

Instead, Suzuki discloses that the conductive layer 6 has a first portion under the bump 11 and a second portion over the electrode 2. Further, Suzuki discloses that the surface area of the first portion is larger than the surface area of the second portion. However, Suzuki does not teach, disclose or even suggest that the first portion of the conductive layer 6 is electrically connected to the first electrode and the second portion of the conductive layer 6 is electrically connected to the second electrode. That is, Suzuki discloses that the second portion of the conductive layer 6 is electrically connected to the electrode which the first portion of the conductive layer 6 is electrically connected to. However, Suzuki does not disclose that the electrode that the first portion of the conductive layer 6 is electrically connected to and the electrode that the second portion of the conductive layer 6 is electrically connected to are different as recited in claims 1, 11 and 14.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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